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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to a Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office with a mailing date of September 29, 2006.

Concurrently filed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time to extend the time for response from December 29, 2006 up to and including February 28, 2007. Therefore, this Communication is being timely filed.

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